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Export of Sarees from Varanasi

3881. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The number of sarees exported from Varanasi during the last three years and the foreign exchange earned therefrom, year-wise;

(b) the efforts made for the development of this industry; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide yarn to artisans/craftsmen at subsidised rates and other basic facilities to this industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Export of silk textiles products from the country during the last three years is as under:–

1988–89	Rs. 331 crore
1989–90	Rs. 401 crore
1990–91	Rs. 441 crore

However, Government of India does not maintain statistics regarding exports against production from a particular place.

(b) For development of handlooms, there are a number of Schemes. These include Design Support by Weavers Service Centre, Varanasi. There are several on-going plan schemes such as Modernisation, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Project Package Scheme which can be availed of by the handloom industry at Varanasi.

(c) There is no scheme to subsidise supply of yarn to artisans and craftsmen. Supply of yarn to handloom weavers in the organised sector is, however, made through National Handloom Development Corporation, Apex Societies, State Handloom Development Corporations and Primary Handloom Societies.

Ex-Serviccemen Rehabilitation Centres in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

3882. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Rehabilitation centres in in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for the welfare of ex-servicemen, warwidow and disabled ex-servicemen;

(b) whether the process of rehabilitation in these States has been analysed during last three years;

(c) if so, the achievements made during this period, and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the work particularly in the districts where there is more number of ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d). No Rehabilitation Centres are run in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar by the State Governments. However, in Uttar Pradesh there are two Training-cum-Production Centres, one at Lansdown (Pauri Garhwal District) and another at Ranikhet (Almora District) being run by the Regional Centre of Garhwal Rifles and Kumaon Regimental Centre, respectively. The centre at Lansdown in imparting training for stiching, knitting and Hindi/English typewriting for widows of ex-Servicemen and their dependents, while at Ranikhet widows and their